

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 15 and 24 as indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A surgical kit, comprising:
 - a tray, said tray further comprising a plurality of recesses formed therein for receiving surgical articles useful in performing a particular surgical procedure;
 - a substantially rigid accessory item container received in a container recess defined in said tray said container configured for holding objects only inside of said container before being opened by a user;
 - said container recess defining a nesting location for said container;
 - said container comprising a base member and a lid configured with said base member, said container removable from said tray; and
 - a securing device configured between said base member and said lid.
2. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 1, wherein said tray comprises side walls, said container recess defined by at least two of said tray side walls.
3. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 2, wherein said tray comprises at least one bumper wall that extends generally transversely from one of said side walls defining said container recess, said bumper wall defining a side of said container recess.

4. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 1, wherein said tray comprises a planar surface upon which said container rests.

5. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 4, wherein at least one of said surgical article recesses is defined in said planar surface and covered by said container such that access to said respective article recess is provided only after removal of said container from said tray.

6. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 1, wherein said container base member and lid are flexibly connected by a hinge member.

7. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 6, wherein said base member and lid define a clam-shell configuration.

8. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 1, wherein said lid is reclosable, said securing device comprising a mechanism that allows said lid to be repeatedly opened and closed relative to said base member.

9. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 8, wherein said securing device comprises a male boss member defined on one of said lid and said base member, and a female recess into which said male boss member releasably engages defined on the other of said base member and said lid.

10. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 1, wherein said container is formed of a substantially transparent material.

11. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 1, wherein said container comprises any combination of prep swabsticks, lubricant package, ointment package, suture strands, surgical drape, and gauze pads.

12. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 1, wherein said tray further comprises a removable cover.

13. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 1, wherein said kit is a percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) kit.

14. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 1, wherein said container base member and lid comprise peripheral edges that are kept spaced apart in a closed state of said container by bosses disposed around at least one of said peripheral edges.

15. (Currently Amended) A percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) kit, comprising:

a tray comprising a plurality of recesses disposed therein, each said recess adapted to hold articles useful in performing a percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) procedure;

a container adapted to fit at least partially within the tray, the container adapted to rest upon a planar surface defined within said tray, said container comprising a base member and a reclosable lid; and

wherein said container stores accessory items useful in performing the PEG procedure, and wherein the accessory items include at least a drape.

16. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 15, further comprising a cover adapted to be placed over the tray.

17. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 15, wherein at least one of said article recesses is defined in a planar surface upon which said container sits such that access to said respective article recess is provided only after removal of said container from said tray.

18. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 15, wherein said container base member and lid are flexibly connected by a hinge member.

19. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 18, wherein said base member and lid define a clam-shell configuration.

20. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 15, further comprising a securing device configured between said container base member and said lid.

21. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 20, wherein said securing device comprises a male boss member defined on one of said lid and said base member, and a female recess into which said male boss member releasably engages defined on the other of said base member and said lid.

22. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 15, wherein said container is formed of a substantially transparent material.

23. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 15, wherein said container comprises any combination of prep swabsticks, lubricant package, ointment package, suture strands, surgical drape, and gauze pads.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~The PEG kit as in claim 15, A percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) kit, comprising:~~

a tray comprising a plurality of recesses disposed therein, each said recess adapted to hold articles useful in performing a percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) procedure;

a container adapted to fit at least partially within the tray, the container adapted to rest upon a planar surface defined within said tray, said container comprising a base member and a reclosable lid; and

wherein said container stores accessory items useful in performing the PEG procedure, and wherein said container comprises at least one of each of a package of

prep swabsticks, a lubricant package, an ointment package, suture strands, a surgical drape, and gauze pads.

25. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 15, wherein in a closed condition of said container, said base member and said lid are spaced apart along at least a portion of the periphery of said container to aid in sterilization of the articles within said container.

26. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 25, further comprising at least one boss member disposed on at least one of said lid and said base member.